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Unit II: Jesus envisions the Kingdom

Subject: A Demonstration of Power

Text: Matthew 12: 22-32

Key Verse:

If I cast out devils by the Spirit of GOD, then the kingdom of GOD is come unto you (Matthew 12: 28, KJV).

Lesson Pointers:

- 1) A Kingdom of Division (Matthew 12: 22-27)**
- 2) A Kingdom of Deliverance (Matthew 12: 28-32)**

Introduction

There are those who continues to go against or oppose the teaching of JESUS CHRIST and HIS power. Their evil ways only craves for self gratification and power that only continues to rise and fall. JESUS CHRIST power demonstrates challenges to their selfish notions regarding personal power and authority. JESUS CHRIST the SON of GOD expels evil, and HE ushers in everlasting peace as HE takes HIS rightful place on the throne forever. JESUS CHRIST reigns as LORD of lords and KING of kings, and HE is in total control, and HIS Kingdom is forever.

Lesson Pointer # 1

- A Kingdom of Division (Matthew 12:22-27)**

JESUS CHRIST fulfilled GOD'S promises to redeem HIS people. JESUS CHRIST fulfilled the promise in Matthew 1: 22-23 "Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the LORD by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, GOD with us." Ahaz also, said in Isaiah 7: 14, "Therefore the LORD himself shall give you a sign; behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Now, when JESUS CHRIST had finished rebuking the Pharisees and proved HIS status through word and deed, there followed a large crowd as JESUS CHRIST continued to preform healing miracles (read Matthew 12: 15-16). Now, the lesson tells us that after these things, a man who was demon-possessed and unable to speak was brought before JESUS CHRIST. JESUS CHRIST ministered such complete healing that not only was the man released from spiritual infirmity (demon-possessed) but was also, released from physical infirmity, receiving the ability to see and to speak (Matthew 12: 22). Those that beheld the miracle that JESUS CHRIST performed was amazed, and began to ask or ponder whether JESUS CHRIST could be the Messiah (Matthew 12: 23). While the people attitude appeared to be positive, jealousy arose in the Pharisees, who began plotting against JESUS CHRIST, there will always be those who hate you because of your righteous deeds, they will speak negatively against you, cast doubt or shade on the moment. The Pharisees said that JESUS CHRIST cast demons out by the power of Beelzebub, the prince of the

devils (Matthew 12: 24). The Pharisees tried to cast doubt by firstly sowing seed of doubt to JESUS CHRIST'S authoritative power, and at the same while refusing to acknowledge JESUS CHRIST as the Messiah. The Pharisees would not acknowledge HIM (JESUS CHRIST) as a prophet, priest, or a teacher. JESUS CHRIST challenged their thinking by clarifying that a house, city, or kingdom divided against itself cannot last (Matthew 12: 25). JESUS CHRIST let it be known that it is also true of Satan, that it is impossible for his kingdom to grow if it is divided (Matthew 12: 26). JESUS CHRIST asked the Pharisees that if HE (JESUS CHRIST) cast out demons by the power of the devil, then by whom do you and your people cast out demons (Matthew 12: 27).

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Lesson Pointer # 2

- **A Kingdom of Deliverance (Matthew 12: 28-32)**
JESUS CHRIST let the Pharisees know that the miracle was of divine origin, and that all must acknowledge that the Kingdom of GOD has come upon you. The King of kings the Messiah (JESUS CHRIST) were among them, and they knew HIM not nor the divine power that JESUS CHRIST demonstrated or shown them (Matthew 12: 28). JESUS CHRIST then informed the Pharisees that if one tried to rob a strong man, one must bind him helpless, or the strong man, will continue to fight (Matthew 12: 29). JESUS CHRIST then turned the table by saying, sowing doubt and discord among the people is to plant discord within the Kingdom and opposition to GOD'S purpose and works on Earth (Matthew 12: 30). JESUS CHRIST said that sin against the HOLY Spirit shall not be forgiven in this world, neither in the world to come (Matthew 12: 31-32).

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